

# **Uptake of HIV Services on Saturdays versus Weekdays: Recent Experiences in Ekurhuleni District**

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# Background

- Aurum is a DSP for Ekurhuleni
- Ekurhuleni is one of the highly burden districts
- In Q2, Ekurhuleni has 261,367 on ART (24,983) started on ART)
- There are 99 facilities (93 PHCs and CHCs and 6 Hospitals)
  - 10 facilities offering 24 hours and weekend services but no HIV services are offered after 4pm and weekends.
- The facility interventions are supplemented by community services using soccer as a vehicle to reaching men

# Outline: Solutions and Approaches to Reaching Adult Men



## PREVENTION (VMMC)

- **Focus** on districts with low circumcision prevalence and **high HIV incidence**
- **Age priority** (for immediate impact): 15-34 years old in districts < 80% saturation
- Implementation of lessons learned from **Project 281K**
- Above-the-line **communication** activities (radio/limited TV, social media, taxi wraps, taverns, etc.)
- Strategic **demand creation** programming (localized, targeted, tailored) through social mobilization, local community-based organizations and other platforms



## HIV TESTING & LINKAGE

- Scale-up **Index Testing**
- Scale-up **Work Place Testing** in Male dominated setting
- Financing Models
- Home based testing that used **Self-Screening**
- **General practitioner** model
- Conduct **targeted HTS Campaign**, community mobilization through CBOs followed by mobile testing
- **Community ART**
- Active referral through **CHWs**
- **Male driver/mobilisers**
- **Extended Hours**



## TREATMENT

- **Supplemental Staff**
- Adherence Guidelines & **LTFU SOP**
- Enhance **Support** and Adherence groups
- Utilization of **WBOTs & CHWs**
- **Linkage Officers**
- **Extended Clinic times**
- Recruitment of data capturers
- Strengthening of existing **data systems**
- Facility **appointment** systems
- Community ART initiation
- **Treatment literacy**

# Saturday HTS & ART Initiations

- ❑ Seven (7 CHCs) and three (3) high volume PHCs
- ❑ Staffing: Professional Nurse, Counsellor & Data capturer
- ❑ Start date - 14 April 2018
- ❑ AIM - attract Men
- ❑ Hours : 08:00 – 16:00

Phola Park CHC	South
Ramokonopi CHC	South
J.Dumane CHC	South
Nokuthela Ngwenya CHC	East
Daveyton main CDC	East
Phillip Moyo CHC	East
Esangweni CHC	North
Mary Moodley	North
KwaThema main CHC	East
Goba Clinic	South

# Targeting Men in Hostels

- Ekurhuleni has a number of hostels that largely used by men. However, there is some evidence that FSWs are found in and around hostels.
- Some of the facilities near hostels show high HIV yield.
- Aurum started an intervention targeting men in hostels using soccer as tool.
- Interventions include engaging with indunas, creating awareness, holding soccer matches, offering screenings which include HTS.



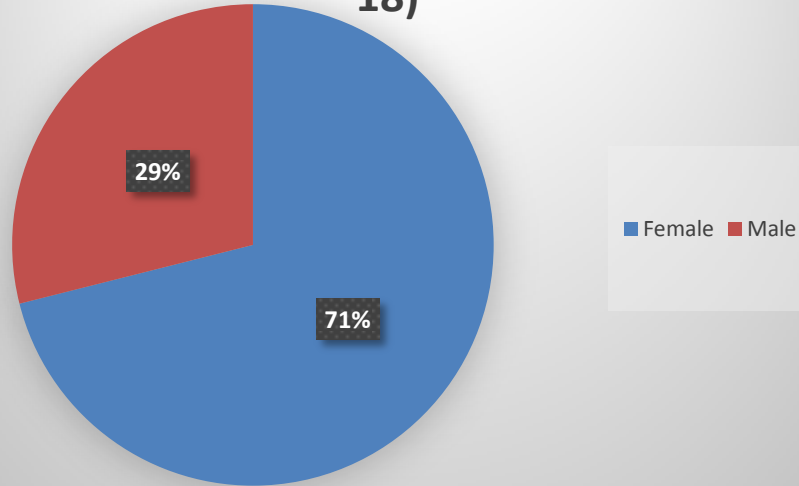
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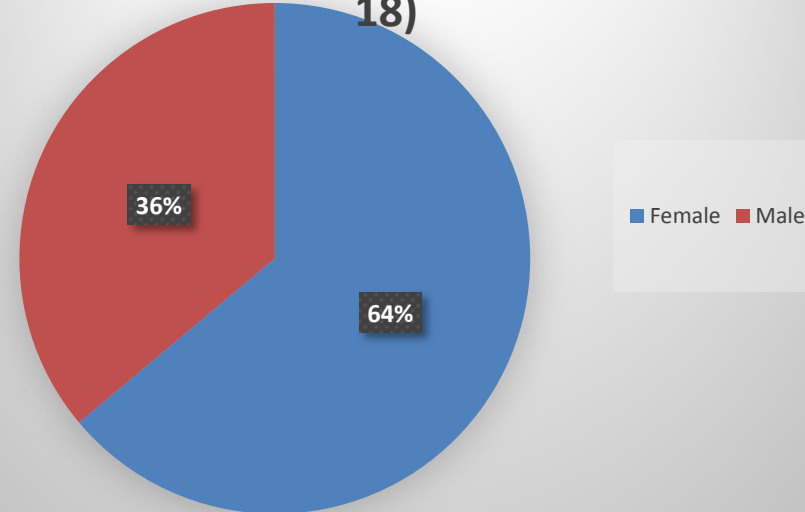
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## EKN care & treatment services disaggregated by gender

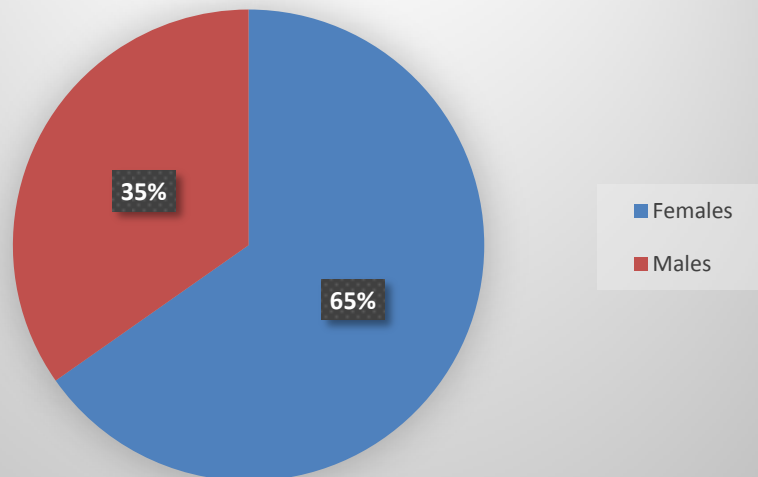
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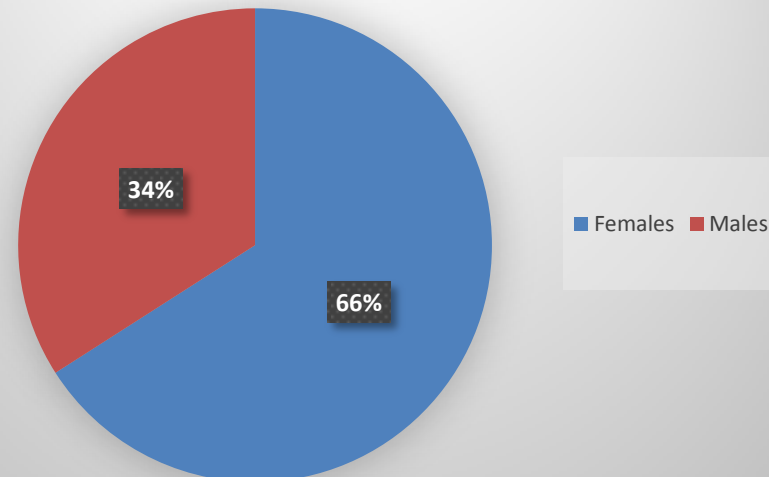
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EKN Tx\_NEW (New on ART) by Gender (Jan - Mar 2018)



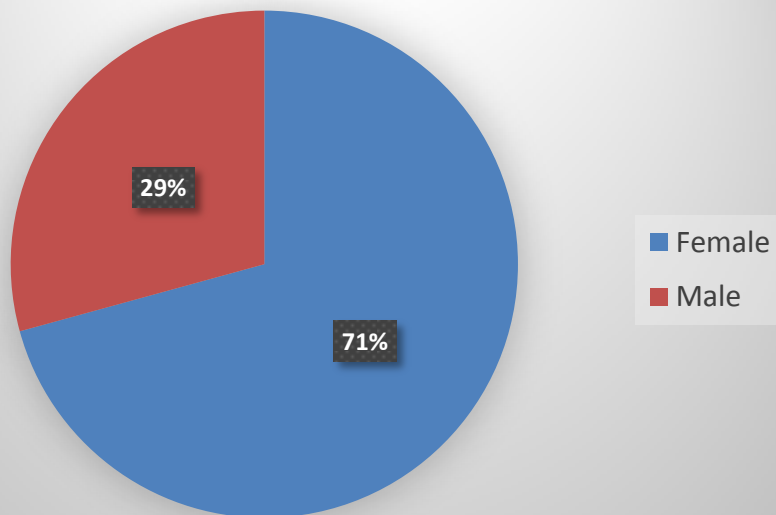
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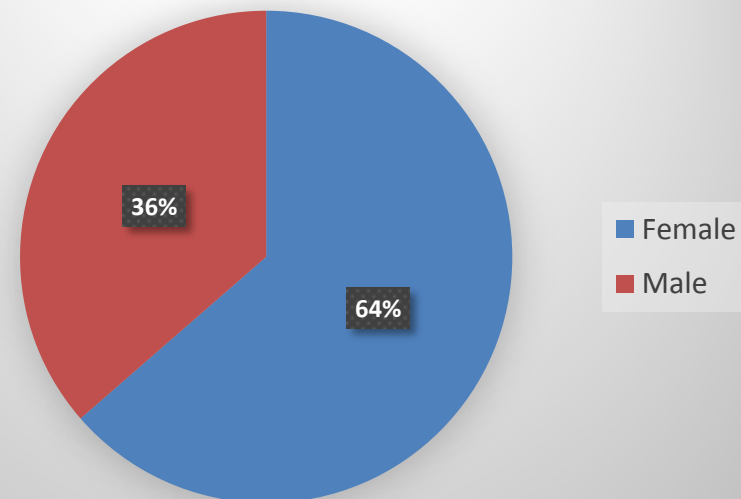
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# EKN extended hours facilities care & treatment services disaggregated by gender

HTS\_TST by gender (Jan-Mar 18)

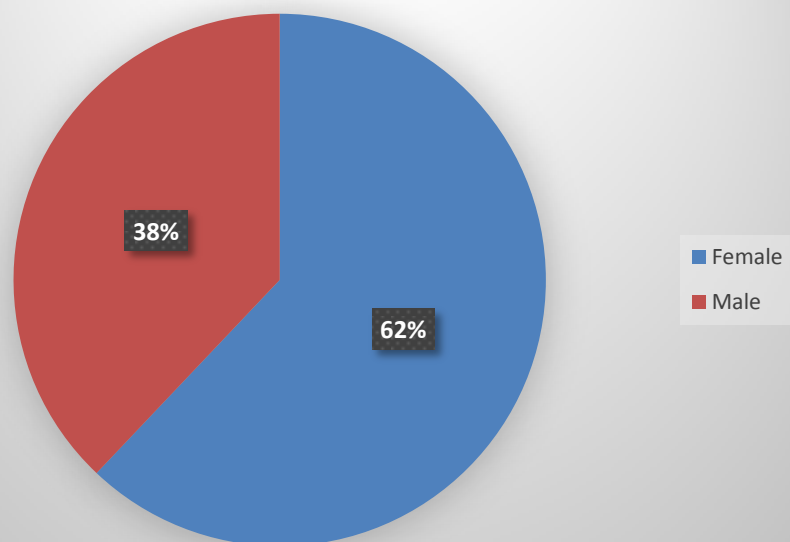


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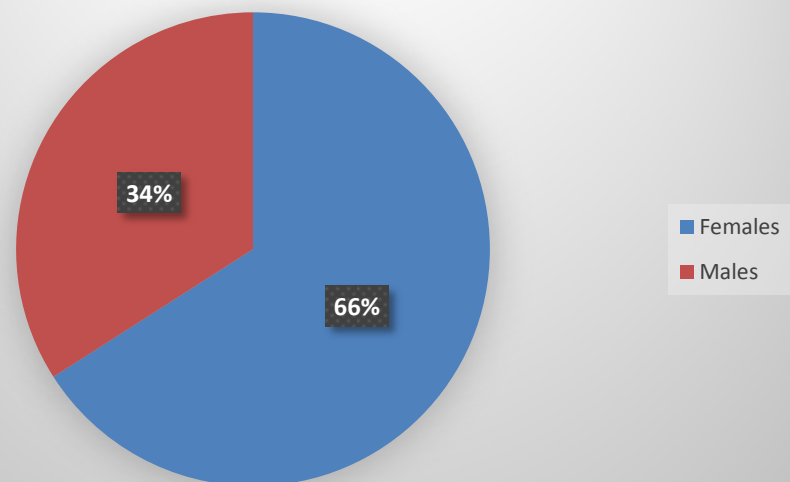


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TX\_NEW by gender (Jan - Mar 18)

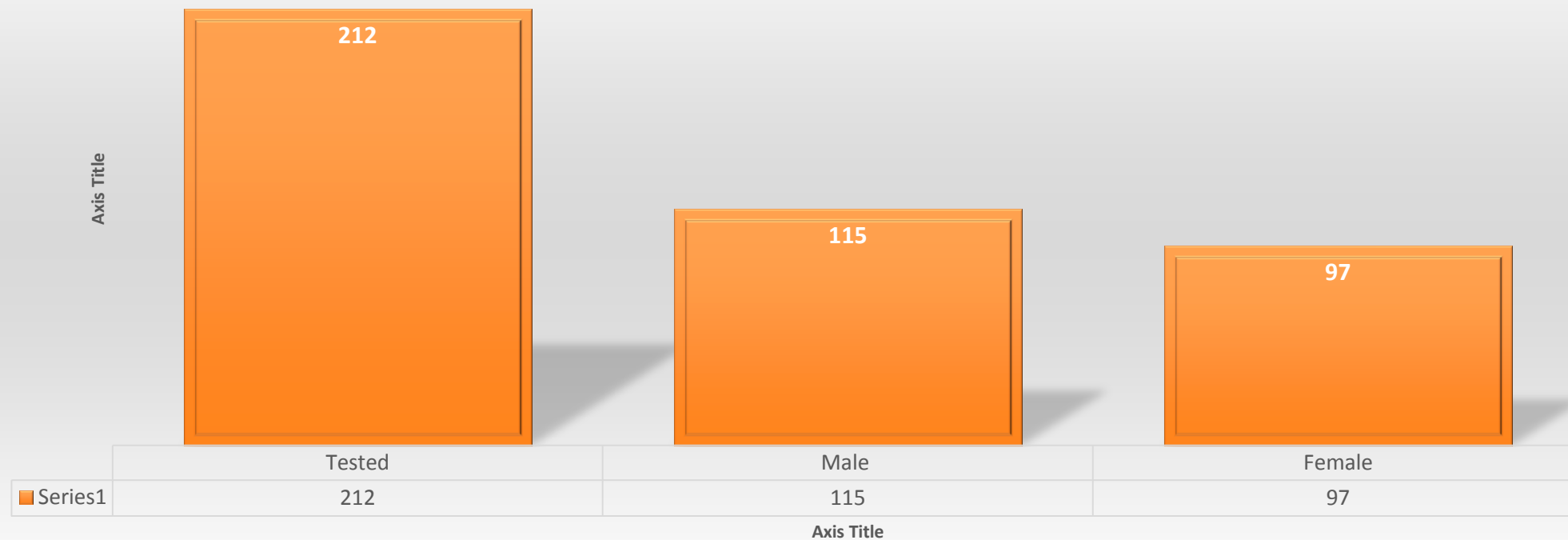


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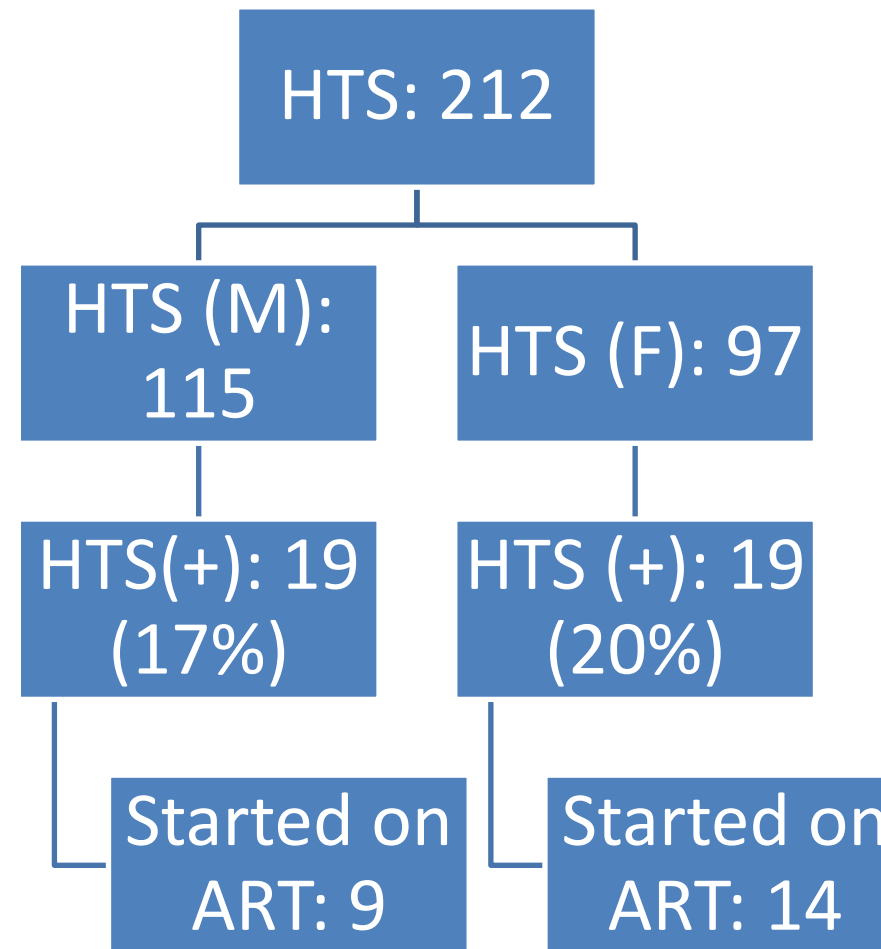




# SATURDAY HTS (10 Facilities) 14, 21 APRIL; 5th; 12th May 2018



# Results of Saturday Services (4)



# Patients not Initiated on ART Same Day

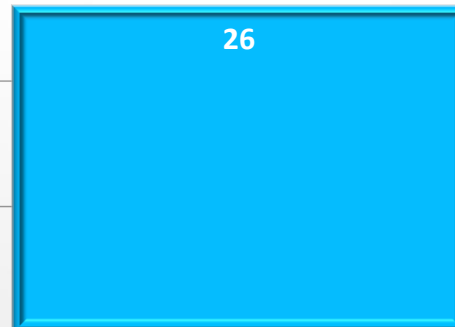
Reasons	Male	Female	Number
Presumptive TB	7	2	9 (24%)
Refusal (Not Ready)	3	2	5 (13%)
Referred (PV Bleeding)	0	1	1 (3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15 (40%)</b>

# Welcome Back Campaign – Pre-ART Patients

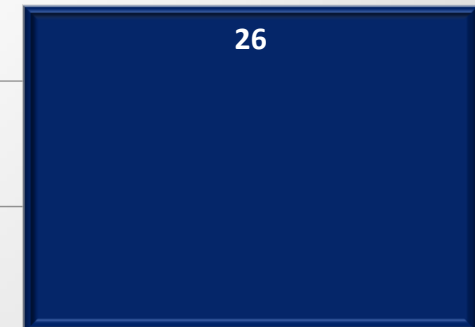
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INITIATED



MALES



FEMALES

# Community Soccer Campaign – May 2018

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	Male	Female	Total
HTS	511	283	794
HTS+	17	33	50
Already Knew Status	4	8	12
Newly Tested +	13	25	38
Yield %	3%	12% (9%)	6% (5%)

# Challenges

- **Demand for service:** Some facilities still attend to very few patients.
  - Demand for services needs to be generated – Media campaign
  - All facilities notified in writing re: Saturday initiations.
- **Blood collections:** Lab services pick up early or not at all during Saturdays.
  - DOH engaged on Lab services and addressing the matter
- **Data Capturing:** Some facilities still lock data rooms over weekends.
  - Engage facility managers
- **Not all patients are initiated:** Some have patients have clinical reasons like Presumptive TB
  - Follow up on these patients to ensure they are started on ART.



# Conclusion and Recommendations

- The Saturday services are reaching men both newly diagnosed and previously tested.
- The community soccer campaign is also reaching men although the positivity is higher among women reached.
- The Saturday services should be promoted and should be supplemented with extended hours during the week in the same facilities.
- Increase numbers of counsellors per team and introduce self screening to increase uptake of HTS
- Community ART initiation should be provided with community soccer campaign for hostels.

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